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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: November 18, 2013

RE: Park Improvements as of November 2013

Dear Board Members:

Since the last Board of Works meeting there have been no construction projects started or contracts signed. The maintenance division continues to remove and store amenities for the winter and perform routine tasks.

Tree Board: (The Board of Works is also designated as Westfield's Tree Board)

The existing tree inventory is being updated and should be completed by the end of the year. From this assessment a maintenance plan will be developed regarding tree removal, pruning and identifying trees that need to be watched.

After each weather event we do visual tree inspections. An inspection took place Monday morning. We had very little damage on the trails or in the parks. Cleanup of the downed limbs will be completed in 24 hours.

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department submitted a grant application to IDNR Division of Forestry for funding to hire a summer intern to complete the City's Tree Inventory. If awarded we plan to use these funds to hire a forestry student for 12 weeks to complete the Monon Trail, the Midland Trace Trail, City Hall grounds and the grounds at the City Service Center Tree Inventory.

Thanks to Randy Graham for writing a letter of support for this project. We should be advised in January if we received the award.

EVENTS

Westfield in Lights will be hosted in Downtown Westfield on Saturday, December 7th from 4:30 to 8:30PM. The event includes: the live Nativity at Hadley Park, carriage rides, reindeer, pictures with Santa, the gingerbread house competition, Main Stage entertainment, entertainment in the Assembly Room at City Hall, food trucks, boutique trucks, and the official tree lighting by the Mayor. Please join us for the festivities and all the lights.

The last event of the year is the Race to the New Year. The 9th annual race will take place on Saturday, December 28th. The 5K run starts in Cool Creek Park and loops along the Natalie Wheeler Trail and Union Street, then back through the park. Hamilton County Parks, Washington Township Parks and Westfield Parks & Recreation partner to host this event. Thanks to Westfield Police and Fire for helping assure this is a safe event.

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